

Approved 5/20/96

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 1996

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Goodin.

PRESENT: Darlene M. Goodin, Chairman
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Mr. Lee Brown, Mr. Dan MacDonald, and Mr. Willard Dodge attended the majority of the Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the regular and non-public Selectmen's Meeting minutes from April 15, 1996, and April 22, 1996, with amendments. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board did not have an opportunity to review the April 29, 1996, or May 6, 1996, Selectmen's Meeting minutes.

The Selectmen conducted a final review of the minutes from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Pimenta and Chairman Goodin reported on their findings after walking three gravel pits on Monday, May 13, 1996, beginning at 8:00 a.m.: Strong, Carolyn - Lyndeborough Road; Tingley Family Trust - Mont Vernon Road; Wheeler, Donald - Lyndeborough Road.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on the Transfer Station staff's tour of the Wheelabrator Incinerator facility in Penacook, NH. The tour was conducted on May 8, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

Police Chief James McLaughlin came before the Board of Selectmen at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Goodin made a motion to enter non-public session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a Police Department personnel issue pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a). Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - yes. The motion passed unanimously. Town Administrator Selig was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Police Chief James McLaughlin was also present.

Personnel issues concerning the New Boston Police Department were discussed.

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Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of the meeting pertaining to the 1/29/96 internal affairs police report, as well as the report itself, involving a part-time police officer and Selectman Michael Pimenta. This motion was made in accordance with RSA 91-A:3III. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - abstained. The motion passed by a 2/3 vote and will stay in effect until a majority of members of the Board of Selectmen deem that the circumstances which make this a personnel issue with respect to a part-time New Boston police officer no longer apply.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to exit non-public session at 9:20 p.m. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief McLaughlin asked the Board of Selectmen if he could have permission to have electrician Dwight Lovejoy draft some specifications for the installation of the emergency generator at the New Boston Central School. The Board gave Chief McLaughlin permission to hire Mr. Lovejoy to draft these specifications.

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Armand "Red" Hebert, Mrs. Roberta "Bobby" Hebert, and Mr. Bill Hebert, all of 244 River Road, New Boston, came before the Board of Selectmen to complain about the business being run by their neighbor, John Winslow, at 248 River Road. Dan MacDonald, Lee Brown, and Willard Dodge were also in attendance. The Heberts feel that a junkyard is being run at the Winslow property, and requested that the Selectmen look into the matter. They are frustrated because Mr. Winslow has been running equipment and trucks at all hours of the day and night. Red Hebert stated that he has counted 40 cars without license plates on the Winslow property at one time. Bobby Hebert stated that she sees nothing but trucks when she looks out of her kitchen window. Red Hebert requested that the Selectmen check the ground for pollution from the Winslow operation. Red Hebert stated that people drive over his lawn to look at cars on the Winslow property. Red also stated that cars parked at the Winslow residence are sticking out onto the Town right-of-way, thereby causing a safety hazard for traffic. The Heberts stated that cars were parked on the Town owned property along the river across from 248 River Road. Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge stopped in for a few moments to give an update on the fact that Mr. Winslow has filed a declaration of non-conforming use on this property. Red Hebert told the Board that if the Town is unable to clean up Mr. Winslow's operation by July, he was going to ask that the Town cut his taxes in half.

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The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to write to Mr. Winslow and ask him to remove his vehicles from the Town owned property across the street from 248 River Road. The Board also asked Mr. Selig to look into the situation at the Winslow property to determine what could be done to remedy the situation. Selectman Pimenta felt that it would take at least two weeks to do some initial research on the history of the Winslow property to determine what type of operations were permissible in this location.

Selectman Pimenta left the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The meeting with the Heberts ended at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Selectman Goodin updated the Board on the May 7, 1996, Planning Board meeting.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion that effective June 1, 1996, the Board of Selectmen would require wrecker companies wishing to be placed on the Town of New Boston towing list to hold at least \$750,000.00 in bodily injury and property liability insurance, and at least \$20,000.00 in garage keeper's insurance. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The New Boston Police Department will be asked to amend its wrecker insurance policy to coincide the Selectmen's revised policy. This change in wrecker insurance requirements amends the previous policy which was adopted on May 8, 1995.

The Ninth Annual Mountain of Demonstrations will be held on June 21, 1996, in Campton, NH. Selectman Pimenta, Chairman Goodin, and Town Administrator Selig plan to attend.

The Board reviewed a letter of complaint from Troy and Susan Morse dated May 8, 1996, in regard to the "Neville Contractor's Yard" located on the corner of Route 114 and Whipplewill Road in New Boston. The Board was unsure whether this letter was in reference to the Neville gravel pit at this location or the contractor's yard. The Selectmen will view the site over the course of the next week to determine whether a problem exists as per the Morse letter.

The Board felt that it would be inappropriate for a line dancing group to hold practices on Friday evenings in the Town Hall Conference Room. The Selectmen would prefer that activities such as these were held at the Tom Mansfield Gym at the New Boston Central School.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

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Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and miscellaneous items.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator